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the middle b ring of a phenanthridinium core with primary amines to form DIP compounds (Formula A) or secondary amines to form
2-aminoalkyl phenanthridinium derivatives (Formula B). These reactions can also be applied to other classes of starting compounds
which comprise a 6-membered ring aromatic heterocycle having a ring nitrogen and at least one alpha hydrogen atom which can be
reacted with a primary or secondary amine.

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